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3. On 22 November, the cadre personnel of the Motor Transport Officer School in Potsdam included 45 officers, 32 NCOs and 35 men. The officers included Colonel Fleissner, commanding officer; Major Becker; Major Markert, political officer; Major Jenson, historical instructor; Captains Dietrich, electro-technical instructor; Grims, Party Control Commission; Flohr; Kirsch; Mikschat and Rudolf, tactical instructors; and Werner, deputy (general). Lieutenant Colonel Walkow and Major Davidock were attached to the cadre personnel as advisors.
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6. On 10 December, normal training including drill with and without rifles at platoon level and climbing on a dummy house was held at the Museron Kaserne in Potsdam. The installation had a capacity of 500 to 600 soldiers. Approximately one third of the installation was occupied by Soviet units. Since the other section appeared to be occupied to capacity, the installation is believed to have quartered approximately 300 KVP personnel.

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